

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A data input device having input means for inputting data and output means for outputting a message for prompting a data input operation, comprising:

text data input means for inputting text data;

voice data input means for inputting voice data;

input item storage means for storing an item to be inputted, which is associated with an output message prompt and characteristics of the item, wherein the characteristics of the item include at least one of an amount of an input characters and a type of the data input means applied for inputting the data; and

input control means for selecting one of the text data input means and the voice data input means in accordance with the characteristics of the item to be inputted ~~which is stored in the input item storage means; and~~

output means for outputting the message prompt so as to prompt a user to input data using the one of the text data input means and the voice data input means, which is selected by the input control means.

4. (Original) The data input device according to claim 3, wherein the input control means selects data input means in accordance with an amount or type of data of the item to be inputted which is stored in the input item storage means.

5. (Original) The data input device according to claim 3, further comprising:

noise measurement means for measuring noise generated around the data input device,  
wherein

when voice data input means is selected and the noise measured by the noise measurement  
means is higher than a predetermined value, the input control means changes input  
means from the voice data input means to the text data input means.

6. (Canceled)